

Statement from the CUPE Alberta Indigenous Council

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was established in 2021 in response to Call to Action No. 80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to recognize survivors, their families, and communities while also ensuring the history and legacy of residential schools are publicly remembered.

The date of September 30th was chosen to align with [Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters](#). Since 2013, participants have worn orange to honour residential school survivors, their families, and those who never returned home.

The Alberta Indigenous Council is encouraging CUPE members across Alberta to wear orange on September 30 and to participate in activities and resources available in your area throughout the month of September. These can include:

- **Attending events in your community:**

- September 30 - [The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland](#) - Calgary
- September 30 - [Werklund Centre](#) - Calgary
 - Elders of the Elders Story project
 - Indigenous Makers Market and Pow Wow Showcase
- September 27 - [6th Annual Orange Shirt Day Run/Walk](#) - City Hall - Edmonton
- September 19 - [Tahto Awasis Asitakimaw – Traditional Feast and Round Dance](#) - Alberta Aviation Museum – Edmonton
- September 30 - [National event broadcast](#) - Parliament Hill - Ottawa

- **Watching video resources:**

- [City of Edmonton and Partners](#)

- **Taking courses and learning:**

- [U of A Free Course - Indigenous Canada](#)
- [Lunch and learns September 21-25, 2026](#)
- [The Survivors Flag](#)
- [The Calls to Action](#)

- **Listening to podcasts:**

- [All My Relations](#)

- **Read books:**

- [“At Ends We Rest” Samantha Gibbon Book Launch – Audrey’s September 16](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada](#)

- **Participate in Reconciliation walks/runs:**

- [Calgary – 11 AM](#)
- [Edmonton – September 27 - noon](#)

The Council also calls on all members and the executive of CUPE Alberta Division to join us in an ongoing commitment to the creation of safer spaces, being comfortable with hearing and learning uncomfortable truths, giving space to those who aren’t there yet, and honouring the journey that each of us is on.

For more information on events in Alberta, please visit our [website](#).

Thank you,

CUPE Alberta Indigenous Council

